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In re patent application of:

Applicant(s): John M. Davies, et al.

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Title: VIRTUAL PRIVATE SUPPLY CHAIN

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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.